

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 7 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 28 and ending on page 8 on the line numbered 8 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 3 illustrates functional components of a system for abstraction of logical layout editing operations according to an embodiment of the present invention. As shown here, a computer system 300, such as system 200 or 105 above, may execute one or more applications 305. The application 305 may be any of a variety of possible applications such as a word processor, web browser, email program, or other type of software. The application 305 detects editing operations, including layout editing operations, performed on objects being displayed. For example, a user may select an edge of an object being displayed and drag the edge to resize the object. Once an editing operation such as this arranging operation is detected, the application 305 may request the abstraction layer 310 to perform the appropriate editing operation using an interface 315 provided by the abstraction layer 310. The display module 320 of the computer system 300 displays the objects ~~330-340~~ 330, 335, 340 and container 325 based in part on properties 345 or the container 325 as well as properties ~~365-375~~ 365, 370, 375 of the objects 330, 335, 340.

On page 12 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 8 and ending on the line numbered 11 with the following paragraph:

In operation 414, the call is made to the ArrangeChildHelper routine 600 shown in FIG. 6. When control returns to operation 414 after the ArrangeChildHelper is completed for all children in the parent container, control via return operation 408 returns to the calling layout API as the sizing operation within the parent container or object is now complete.

On page 12 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 12 and ending on the line numbered 19 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 5 is a flowchart of the measure child helper 500 operations in accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention. When the framework layout routine 400 calls the measure child helper routine 500 in operation ~~418~~ 420, control transfers to ~~start~~ begin

measure child helper operation **502**. Control then transfers to operation **504**. In operation **504**, the AvailableSize parameters for the child object's parent container or object are retrieved. These parameters may be up to six and again can be viewed as within two dimensional groups, width and height. The parameters in this embodiment are width, max width, min width, and height, max height, and min height. Control then transfers to operation **506**.